

What does your donation support?

To best serve Michigan's families and protect Michigan's children, CTF funds an extensive network of local prevention organizations.

Local councils:

- Develop and facilitate collaborative prevention programs in their communities.
- Activities include public awareness campaigns, training for professionals in the child welfare field, information and referrals, local resource directories, and educational workshops for parents and youth.

Direct service programs:

- Provide services that are designed to promote strong, nurturing families and prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Priorities include parent/guardian skills training and support in the areas of child development, child care skills, and stress management.
- Services include respite care, parent support groups, responsible fatherhood, home visitation, family resource and support centers, positive youth development, and other community-based prevention programs.



Contact the Children's Trust Fund

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Contact your Local Council or Direct Service Program

Visit the Children's Trust Fund Web site at
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What is the Children's Trust Fund?

The Children's Trust Fund serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health, safety, and welfare by funding effective local programs and services that prevent child abuse and neglect.

- Established by Public Act 250 of 1982.
- Michigan's only independent, statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Since 1982, CTF has generated more than \$60 million to support prevention programs and services in communities across the state, positively touching the lives of more than 6 million children and families.
- CTF does not receive state general funds for operations. It relies on direct donations, a specialty license plate, income tax check-off donations, grants, investment income and fund-raising events.

What is the problem?

- On average, 342 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect are made each day in Michigan.
- In 2008 alone, there were 17,460 confirmed cases of abuse or neglect in the state, representing 29,401 child victims.
- In 2008, 35 percent of victims were under the age of 4.
- Nationally, an estimated five children die each day from child abuse or neglect.

**Michigan Department of Human Services Children's Protective Services 2008 Trends Summary Report and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Child Maltreatment 2007 report.*

What does CTF do?

- Funds 72 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils that serve 82 of Michigan's 83 counties.
- Funds 20 community-based direct-service grants across the state, including:
 - Childhood Development Programs
 - Respite Care
 - In-Home Visitation Programs
 - Parenting Education & Support Groups
 - Referral Services
- Provides training, technical assistance and support to our statewide prevention network.



Why should you get involved?

- Research indicates that a statewide prevention program for families having their first child would cost less than 3 percent of the money spent to treat the consequences of abuse and neglect (Caldwell & Noor, 2005).
- Child abuse costs the nation an estimated annual direct cost of \$108.3 billion, approximately \$942 each year for the average American family (Prevent Child Abuse America, 2007).
- You will make a difference in the life of a child.

How can you get involved?

You can help prevent child abuse and neglect:

- *Donate to CTF on your state income tax form.*
- *Purchase a CTF specialty license plate through your local Secretary of State office.*
- *Become a sponsor, purchase a ticket or donate an auction item to CTF's annual Cherish the Children Signature Event.*
- *Remember CTF in your will and estate planning.*
- *Donate directly by visiting the CTF Web site.*
- *Contact your local council (see the back panel).*
- *Participate in Child Abuse Prevention Month activities each April.*
- *Volunteer your time.*



To learn about more ways to get involved with the Children's Trust Fund, or to make a donation, visit www.michigan.gov/ctf or call 1-800-CHILDREN.



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